

The monthly meeting of Shields Township was convened at 6:38 p.m. on April 25, 2017. Roll call was taken and established that all five members of the board were present. Township Attorney Brian Winter, Highway Commissioner Scott Anderson and Assessor Kathy Blahunka and twelve members of the public were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

By a motion of Trustee Goshgarian, seconded by Trustee Kerr, the minutes of the March, 2017 meeting was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Supervisor Maloney reported cash-on-hand balances.

On a motion by Trustee Goshgarian, seconded by Trustee Kerr, bills of the Town Fund were unanimously approved for payment by roll call.

On a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Goshgarian, bills of the Road & Bridge Fund were unanimously approved for payment by roll call.

On a motion by Trustee Goshgarian, seconded by Trustee Brown, bills for General Assistance were unanimously approved for payment by roll call.

Public comment was made by Mr. Morton regarding LBOLA, Ms. Beckett regarding Dial-a-Ride, Mr. Seiblett who is a Dial-a-Ride user, Ms. Jones who is Waukegan Township Supervisor and Laura Mellen who described the 13-year history of Dial-a-Ride.

On a motion by Trustee Goshgarian, seconded by Trustee Brown, a Memorandum of Understanding between Shields Township and Waukegan Township to participate in the Shields Dial-a-Ride service was unanimously approved by roll call.

Two agenda items were "withdrawn" from the agenda (tabled) by the Supervisor. Township Attorney Winter explained that the two-year sublease of space at Shields Township to the Phoenix Rising Foundation for the food pantry and the donation of two computers, two desks and a printer to that same foundation were not ripe for action. Trustees Goshgarian and January asked Attorney

Winter for clarifications. Trustee Brown offered that he, as a continuing member of the Board following the recent election, would raise the matter for the future Board.

The annual budget for the period from March 1, 2017 through February 28, 2018 was approved in four parts. (A public budget hearing (advertised in the Daily Herald on March 23rd) was held the hour prior to the regular board meeting at which the tentative budget was recommended after the addition of some \$32 thousand to the Town Fund.) The budget anticipates revenues of \$699,510 for the Town Fund and \$313,560 for the Road and Bridge Fund.

On a motion by Trustee Goshgarian, seconded by Trustee January, a budget of \$412,039 for the Town Fund was unanimously approved by roll call.

On a motion by Trustee January, seconded by Trustee Goshgarian, a budget of \$318,193 for the Assessor was unanimously approved by roll call.

On a motion by Trustee Goshgarian, seconded by Trustee Brown, a budget of \$29,000 for General Assistance was unanimously approved by roll call.

On a motion by Trustee January, seconded by Trustee Brown, a budget of \$494,575 for Highway Commissioner was unanimously approved by roll call.

Trustees January and Kerr expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve on the Board. Highway Commissioner Anderson reported that the truck-mounted salting device had been replaced by the wood chipper. Assessor Blahunka reported on the new computer equipment to be provided by the county. Supervisor Maloney, summarizing her experience at Shields, said "What doesn't kill you makes you stronger."

On a motion of Trustee Goshgarian, seconded by Trustee Kerr, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m. by a unanimous voice vote.

Submitted by Don Russ.